

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) A digital-audio-signal recording apparatus, comprising:

a storage section storing digital audio data;

a write section that writes data on a disk-shaped storage medium;

a control section that, when a write operation is to be performed by said write section for writing the digital audio data, stored on said storage section, to the disk-shaped storage medium, first evaluates the status of an erasure state flag and if the erasure state flag is not indicative of an erased state, sets the erasure state flag within file management information to the erased state without erasing the file management information on said storage section, such that the digital audio data stored on said storage section cannot be retrieved by any processing operation other than said write operation, then causes said write section to write the digital audio data to the disk-shaped storage medium, and then ~~erases the digital audio data from said storage section after~~ completion of the writing of the digital audio data to the disk-shaped storage medium, the control section sets file validity information for the digital audio data stored in the storage section to non-valid to disable further readout of the digital audio data stored in said storage section and then erases the digital audio data from said storage section the file management information on said storage section corresponding to the written digital audio data being updated to reflect the write operation performed.

4. (Previously Presented) The digital-audio-signal recording apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the control section includes a subcode detection section to extract subcode information for the disk-shaped storage medium.

5. (Previously Presented) The digital-audio-signal recording apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the control section further includes an At Attachment Packet Interface (ATAPI) interface, an digital audio interface, and an analog audio interface, all of which are configured to receive and output audio data.

6. (New) The digital-audio-signal recording apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the file management information on said storage section corresponding to the written digital audio data is updated to reflect the write operation performed.

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